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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION

MDL NO. 1456 CIVIL ACTION NO. 01-CV-12257-PBS

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION RE: HEALTH CARE FOR ALL'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS CLASS 1 REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRACK 2 SETTLEMENT (DOCKET ENTRY # 7503) 1

June 8, 2011

BOWLER, U.S.M.J.

Health Care for All ("HCFA"), one of five associational class representatives of class 1 preliminarily designated for settlement purposes for track two, moves to withdraw as a class representative. (Docket Entry # 7503). "Named Consumer Plaintiffs,"2 represented by Donald E. Haviland, Jr., Esq.

Issues with respect to class certification, including amendment of a class certification order, are properly addressed as a report and recommendation under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). See Nelson v. Nationwide Mortgage Corp., 659 F.Supp. 611, 619 (D.D.C. 1987) (magistrate judges "have no authority to rule on class action certification motions, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), but such motions may be referred to a magistrate to . . . prepare proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition"); see, e.q., Kiobel v. Millson, 592 F.3d 78, 80 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The named consumer plaintiffs are described in part infra. Counsel provides a more detailed description in an